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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 28, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-26, all the claims pending in the application, stand rejected. The Examiner concludes that the Applicants amendments and arguments filed on March 18, 2004 are persuasive. Accordingly, the Examiner's prior art rejections have been withdrawn. The Examiner has limited his rejection to obviousness type double patenting.

Applicant's response includes the filing of Terminal Disclaimers.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11 and 14-26 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-32 of U.S. Patent 6,699,126 to Kusuda in view of U.S. Patent 5,411,258 to Wilson et al. This rejection is traversed by the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer, filed herewith.